

REMARKS

Claims 20-56 are pending in this application. Claims 1-19 were cancelled by a prior amendment filed June 26, 2003. Claims 57-59 are cancelled herein.

In the Office Action of February 20, 2004, the Examiner indicated that claims 20-56 are allowed. Rejected claims 57-59 have been cancelled herein without prejudice to pursue such claims in a subsequent application, as cancelled claims 57-59 are supported by a disclosure having a date which predates the earliest effective date of U.S. Patent No. 6,648,883 to Francischelli et al., which is cited by the Examiner in the Office Action.

Accordingly, all outstanding rejections as to the above-identified application have been addressed. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

In addition, this amendment is being filed with a Request for Continued Examination along with the required RCE fee in order to file an additional information disclosure statement to cite a reference which was cited by the Examiner in a related application.

Respectfully submitted,

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